dated 25-3-91. Delhi Police had arrested 4 persons in this case.

The case was transferred to Central Bureau of Investigation on 20-4-91 C.B.I. has further arrested 3 persons in this case.

On-going projects of the Department of Communications

*246. SHRI SHANT TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the on-going projects of the Department of Communications in the National Capital Region;

(b) by when these are likely to be completed; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up new electronic exchanges in place of the out-moded ones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The on-going projects of the Department of Telecommunication in the NCR region are given below:

Projects to be completed during the year 1991-92

Telephone Exchange Projects

Sl. No.	Name of City/Town	Switching Capacity addition (gross)	Replacement of existing Exchanges
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Gurgaon (Haryana)	10000 lines digital electronic (E 10 B)	4000 lines FRX
2	Bahadurgarh (Haryana)	1000 lines expansion (E 10B RLU)	Nil
3	Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh)	5000 lines digital electronic (E 10B)	900 lines strowger
4	Meerut (U.P.)	2000 lines Gross Bar	Nil
5	Okhla (Delhi)	5000 lines electronic	Main
6	Laxmi Nagar (Delhi)	4000 Main Do.	
7	Okhla D.1 (Delhi)	3000 Main Do.	
8	Janpath D.1 (Delhi)	6000 replacing 5500 lines existing	
9	Jorbag D.1 (Delhi)	4000 replacing 2600 lines existing	
10	Jorbag D.1 (Delhi)	10000 replacing 10000 lines existing	
11	Pachim Vihar (Delhi)	1000 Main electronic E 10B	
12	Shahadara (Delhi)	4000 Main electronic E 10B	
13	Mayur Vihar (Delhi)	3000 Main electronic E 10B	
14	Delhi University (Delhi)	1000 Main electronic E 10B	
15	Rohni Sec. 9 (Delhi)	3000 Main electronic E 10B	

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
16	Hari Nagar (Delhi)	5000 Main electronic E 10B	
17	Tilkhand (Delhi)	4000 Main electronic E 10B	
18	Lodhi Road (Delhi)	4000 electronic E 10B replacing 3000 lines existing	
19	Shalakha (Delhi)	1000 Main electronic E 10B	
20	Vasant Kunj (Delhi)	1000 Main electronic E 10B	
21	Yamuna Vihar (Delhi)	2000 Main electronic E 10B	
22	Asian Games Village (Delhi)	3000 Main electronic E 10B	
23	Idgah (Delhi)	10000 Main electronic 10B	
24	Karol Bagh (Delhi)	10000 Main electronic E 10B	
25	Tis Hazari (Delhi)	8000 Main electronic E 10B	
	Telex Exchange Project :		
1	Noida (U.P.)	100 lines Concentrator (Electronic)	40 lines Strowger
2	Meerut (U.P.)	100 lines Concentrator (Electronic)	60 lines Strowger
3	Bhiwadi (Rajasthan)	60 lines ITEX (Electronic)	40 lines Strowger
	Major Transmission Project :		
1	Hansi-Hissar	2.6 MHz Coxial	40 RKM
2	Hapur-Meerut	140 MB/S	34 RKM
3	Mathura-Bareilly	34 MB/S	342 RKM
4	New Delhi-Rohtak	Microwave	84 RKM

Projects likely to be completed during the next year 1992-93

Telephone Exchange Projects

— Meerut (UP) 4000 lines expansion electronic (E 10B)

— Ghaziabad (UP) 6500 lines electronic (E 10B)

— Noida (UP) 4000 lines electronic (E 10B)

— Hapur (UP) 1000 lines expansion

— Bulandshahr (UP) 100 lines expansion

— Bareilly (UP) 4000 lines electronic (C DOT)

— Faridabad (Haryana) 5000 lines expansion electronic (E 10B)

— Ballabhgarh (Haryana) 2000 lines electronic by RLU at Uchagaon

— Gurgaon (Haryana) 5000 lines expansion electronic (E 10B)

— Rohtak (Haryana) 4000 lines Main electronic (E 10B)

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
—	Rewari (Haryana) 4000 lines electronic (PRX)		
—	Kundli (Haryana) 1000 lines electronic (RLU)		
—	Hissar (Haryana) 4500 lines electronic (E 10B)		
—	Kota (Rajasthan) 5000 lines electronic (E 10B)		
—	Alwar (Rajasthan) 5000 lines electronic (E 10B) replacing 4000 lines electronic analog (PRX)		
—	Bhiwadi (Rajasthan) 2048 Port electronic (ILT)		
—	Panipat (Haryana) 5000 lines Main electronic (E 10B)		

So far as Delhi is concerned, cable construction work for 1992-93 commissioning programme is in progress.

(c) As a matter of policy, life expired outmoded exchanges are replaced generally by electronic exchanges.

Grant of subsidy to D.T.C.

*247. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 281 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th July, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to grant subsidy worth Rs. 100 crores to the D.T.C.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTERY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) In order to meet the operational losses of DTC, Government have been extending ways and means loans to DTC in the past. For the year 1991-92, a budget provision of Rs. 35 crores towards ways and means loans to DTC has been provided.

The reasons for the losses of DTC are:

(i) uneconomic fare structure of DTC.

(ii) rising cost of labour and material inputs;

(iii) concessions given to students and weaker sections of the society through concessional passes;

(iv) heavy interest burden on loans advanced. etc.

State Highways of Maharashtra as National Highways

*248. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for declaring eleven State Highways in Maharashtra as as National Highways;

(b) when was the proposals received by the Central Government; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTERY OF SOURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) In April, 1990, Maharashtra Government sent a proposal for declaring eleven State Roads as National Highways. A decision about the declaration of new National Highways would be taken only after finalisation of the 8th Five Year Plan.